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H. R. 5301

To provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Energy of a program of Federal support for local governments and school districts that establish comprehensive clean energy plans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2006

Mr. ISRAEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Energy of a program of Federal support for local governments and school districts that establish comprehensive clean energy plans.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Clean Energy Partner-
5 ship Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall es-
3 tablish a program to provide to local governments and
4 school districts that establish comprehensive clean energy
5 plans grants in an amount up to 20 percent of the costs
6 of implementing clean energy projects funded by the com-
7 prehensive clean energy plans.

8 (b) PREFERENCE.—In awarding grants under the
9 program established under subsection (a), the Secretary
10 shall give preference to local governments and school dis-
11 tricts that will be engaging in the full range of clean en-
12 ergy projects, and to those who can demonstrate a prior
13 commitment to environmental conservation.

14 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
16 retary of Energy \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
17 2007 through 2011 to carry out this Act.

18 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

19 For purposes of this Act—

20 (1) the term “alternative transportation fuel”
21 means methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alco-
22 hols; mixtures containing 85 percent or more by vol-
23 ume of methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alco-
24 hols with gasoline or other fuels; natural gas;
25 liquified petroleum gas; hydrogen; coal-derived liquid
26 fuels; fuels (other than alcohol) derived from biologi-

1 cal materials (including neat biodiesel); and elec-
2 tricity (including electricity from solar energy);

3 (2) the term “comprehensive clean energy plan”
4 means a project-specific plan by a town, munici-
5 pality, or local government agency, or a school dis-
6 trict, to adopt cleaner or more efficient energy tech-
7 nologies in their buildings and vehicle fleets;

8 (3) the term “clean energy project” means—

9 (A) an energy conservation measure;

10 (B) a project to update or convert munic-
11 ipal or school buildings to generate power from
12 a renewable energy source;

13 (C) a project to replace vehicles owned by
14 the local government or school district with hy-
15 brid vehicles or vehicles that run on alternative
16 transportation fuel; and

17 (D) a clean energy infrastructure project;

18 (4) the term “energy conservation measure”
19 means a measure that is applied to an existing mu-
20 nicipal or school building that improves energy effi-
21 ciency and is life cycle cost effective and that in-
22 volves energy conservation, cogeneration facilities,
23 renewable energy sources, improvements in operation
24 and maintenance efficiencies, or retrofit activities;
25 and

1 (5) the term “renewable energy source” means
2 solar heat, solar light, wind, geothermal energy, and
3 biomass, except for—

4 (A) heat from the burning of municipal
5 solid waste; or

6 (B) heat from a dry steam geothermal res-
7 ervoir which—

8 (i) has no mobile liquid in its natural
9 state;

10 (ii) is a fluid composed of at least 95
11 percent water vapor; and

12 (iii) has an enthalpy for the total pro-
13 duced fluid greater than or equal to 2.791
14 megajoules per kilogram (1200 British
15 thermal units per pound).

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